

REMARKS

Two inconsistencies are listed in the Notice mailed May 9, 2005. The first concerns Figs. 8A and 8B, which are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but are not contained in the drawings. The second concerns Figs. 1E and 8, which are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

In response to the first inconsistency, Applicants submit a complete set of Corrected Drawings (attached hereto). Sheet 9 of 63, formerly labeled as "Figure 8" has been corrected to read "Fig. 8A" and "Fig. 8B" for consistency with the specification.

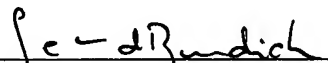
In response to the second inconsistency, the specification has been amended on p.7 at ln.6 to refer to "Figure 1E" instead of "Figure 1D". This makes sheet 2 of 63 consistent with the specification.

Applicants note that the Corrected Drawings include formal corrections to all of Sheets 1 through 63, consisting of centering and resizing the figures, and labeling each as "Fig." rather than "Figure" in accordance with various requirements under 37 CFR 1.84. No new matter is introduced in any of the Corrected Drawings. Because these are formal corrections only, Applicants request that these corrections be treated identically as a submission of Formal Drawings and not as amendments under 37 CFR 1.121.

Applicants believe this submission corrects all inconsistencies identified in the Notice mailed May 9, 2005. Applicants believe that no fees are due for filing this Response. If any other fees are in fact due, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038**, referencing Howrey Docket No. **01339.0008.NPUS00**.

Respectfully submitted,

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